



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Department of the Air Force, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

Chief United States District Court Judge Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced Artjom Victor Kolpakov on his conviction for driving under the influence resulting in serious bodily injuries. Kolpakov was sentenced to five years probation and was ordered to perform 300 hours of community service. Kolpakov was ordered to pay a fine of \$500, a special assessment of \$100 and restitution of \$10,977.81. Kolpakov's driving privileges were also revoked for a period of one year.

At approximately 2:30 a.m. on December 20, 2009, Offutt Air Force Base personnel observed a car approaching at a high rate of speed on a road leading to the SAC gate near the intersection of SAC Blvd and Butler Blvd. As the security guard stepped out to meet the car, the officer noticed the car was not slowing down. The car vaulted over a speed bump, went briefly airborne and landed causing sparks. The car continued through the security gate without stopping. The guard responded by activating the security barricade which was inside the base perimeter. The car continued through the security gate onto base property and crashed into the barricade.

Both the driver and passenger were taken to Creighton Medical Center. The driver had two broken legs. The jaws of life were needed to extract the passenger. The passenger suffered a variety of serious bodily injuries including a rib fracture, traumatic injury to the thoracic aorta, fractured pelvis, hemothorax and a liver laceration. Kolpakov was identified by the security guard as the driver. Kolpakov's blood alcohol content immediately after the crash was determined to be .202 which is in excess of the legal limit set by the Nebraska statutes.

**Name of Defendant:** Artjom Victor Kolpakov

**AKA:**

**Age:** 19

**City of residence:** Lincoln, Nebraska

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty) driving under the influence resulting in serious bodily injuries. The statutory maximum penalty is 5 years of imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** a summons was issued in lieu of arrest

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** \$10,977.81

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** December 20, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:**

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** February 18, 2010

**Initial Appearance Date:** March 16, 2010

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** August 4, 2010

**Sentencing Date:** January 6, 2011

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:**

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Honorable F.A. Gossett

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** released from custody

**In Continuous Custody Since:**

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon

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